Accountability in use of MPLADS Funds

5399. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any accountability has been fixed in the use of funds for MPs Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether representations have been received by Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the action taken on such representations; and

(e) the details of the other modifications Government propose to make in the MPLAD Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Fund under the MPLAD Scheme are released to the concerned District Collector who has to get the works recommended by the MP implemented as per established procedure of the State Government. The District Collector and the implementing agencies are responsible for proper use of the funds released to them.

(c) and (d) Whenever any representation is received about improper use of MPLADS funds, the matter is taken up with the concerned District Collector/State Government for remedial measures.

(e) Amendment/modification of the guidelines on MPLADS is a continuous process. Amendments/modifications in the guidelines are made from time to time on the basis of recommendation from the two committees on MPLADS, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

Regional Imbalances

5400. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have compiled statistics relating to the